

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF AGRICULTURAL EXPORT ZONES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of three Agricultural Export Zones (AEZs) in Madhya Pradesh and also in other States including Kerala;
- (b) if so, by when these AEZs are likely to be set up along with their locations; and
- (c) the agricultural produces which are likely to be exported?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Government has by now approved 45 AEZs in country. These include 3 in Madhya Pradesh and one in Kerala.

AEZ is a concept of convergence of assistance programmes of Central Government and State Government. As soon as the Government approves them, the activities start with proposals emanating from the State Government and entrepreneurs. The zones are at various stages of completion.

A list of all the AEZs along with agriculture produce which are likely to be exported, is at Annexure.